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This species, long confused with *A. signoreti* in the southwestern United States, was inadvertently omitted from the Mexican list, although its occurrence south of the United States was noted in the revision of *Ambrysus* for that area. For the sake of completeness, the Mexican record is re-iterated here:

BAJA CALIFORNIA (*Ensenada*, 11(iv)40, R. G. Miller (U. Michigan)); SONORA (*Palmer dist.*, Alamos, 27(x)34, H. S. Gentry (U. Kansas).

**Ambrysus hybrida** Montandon 1897

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*Ambrysus fuscus* Usinger, 1946, Univ. Kansas Sci. Bull. 31 (1: 10): 198-199; De Carlo, 1950, An. Soc. Cient. Argentina, 150: 11; La Rivers, 1953B, Univ. Kansas Sci. Bull. 35 (11: 10): 1333-1334.

Through the kindness of Dr. Max Beier of the Naturhistorisches Museum at Wien, Austria, the writer was able to examine several Montandon types and note the above synonymy as well as to confirm the uses of other names in *Ambrysus*. Previously, *A. hybrida* had been omitted from the Mexican treatment since it had gone unrecognized as such in the material studied. It is, however, a distinctive enough species and no difficulty need be associated with its detection in future.

## REFERENCE

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**LAELAPS KEEGANI, NOM. NOV. FOR LAELAPS BERLESEI KEEGAN, 1956**

(ACARINA, LAELAPTIDAE)

*Laelaps berlesci* Keegan, 1956 (*nec* da Fonseca, 1939), Egyptian Pub. Hlth. Assoc. Jour. 31(6): 246, Fig. 45.

Keegan (1956) inadvertently created a primary homonym by naming an Egyptian mite *Laelaps berlesci* after this combination of names had been proposed by da Fonseca (1939, Memor. Instituto Butantan: 12: 104, Figs 1 & 2) for a Brazilian mite. The name *Laelaps keegani*, *nom. nov.* is proposed for *Laelaps berlesci* Keegan, 1956, with the description and illustration by Keegan as applicable. The holotype female has been deposited in the U. S. National Museum. The unique specimen was collected from *Arvicanthus niloticus* (striped mouse) at Pyramids, Giza Province, Egypt, 22 March 1953, by H. Hoogstraal.—ERNESTINE B. THURMAN, Sanitarian (R), Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHEW, Bethesda 14, Maryland.